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***"Thanks to all who provide data. Your assistance helps us produce the timely accurate information needed for decisions. If you haven't been responding, please consider doing so in the future."***



Dear Data User:

It is a pleasure to present this 78<sup>th</sup> issue of **Nebraska Agricultural Statistics** published cooperatively with funds from the Nebraska State Department of Agriculture. This book focuses mainly on county numbers organized by commodity for the two most recent crop years. Also contained are state and national statistics for the major Nebraska produced commodities and livestock dating back to 1982. A companion publication **Nebraska County Profiles** contains data organized by county and is also available from this office.

On behalf of all data users, we want to acknowledge and thank all those Nebraska producers and agri-businesses who voluntarily completed our many surveys during the past year. Their cooperation is absolutely necessary for accuracy and greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of them and many others who contribute data and support our statistical program in other ways. Also, thanks to the office and field enumerators for their dedication to collecting accurate data. Their names are listed earlier in this publication.

If you are a producer, look for your 2002 Census questionnaire in your mailbox about mid-December. Please complete it and return as soon as possible. Other data users are asked to support this effort by letting producers know that you use the data in support of their industry and encouraging them to respond. Results will be available in February 2004.

Sincerely,

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